Cp # /7C9Docket No. 740819-627

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of

Nobuki MATSUI et al.

Serial No.

09'914,378

Filed: August 28, 2001

For:

SHIFT CONVERSION UNIT

JAN 2 2 2002 ES

OPPY OF PAPERS ORIGINALLY FILED
Art Unit: 1764

TRIBICATE OF MAILING

Thereby certify that this correspon tent et's being deposited until the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressery. Commissioner or Parents Washington, D.C. 20231, on December 17, 2001

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

RECEIVED

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

TC 1700

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application.

The reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is discussed in the specification of the above-mentioned application. A copy of this reference is enclosed herewith.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing, or entry into the national phase, of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no <u>fee</u> or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (740819-627).

Respectfully submitted.

Donald R. Studebaker Registration No. 32.815

NIXON PEABODY LLP 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 800 McLean, Virginia 22102 (703) 790-9110

Form PTO-1449 U.S. Department of Commerce Atty Docket 0819-0627 Serial No. 09 914,378 Rev 8-83) Patent and Trademark Office INFORMATION DISCLOSERE Applicants: Nobuki Matsui et al. Filing Date: August 28, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1764 REIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS Documen Number Examiner Date Country Class Subclass Translation Initial Yes 03/09/1999 11-067256 JΡ Eng Abst

> FEB - 4 2002 TC 1700

Examiner Date Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPFP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this formwith next communication to applicant.